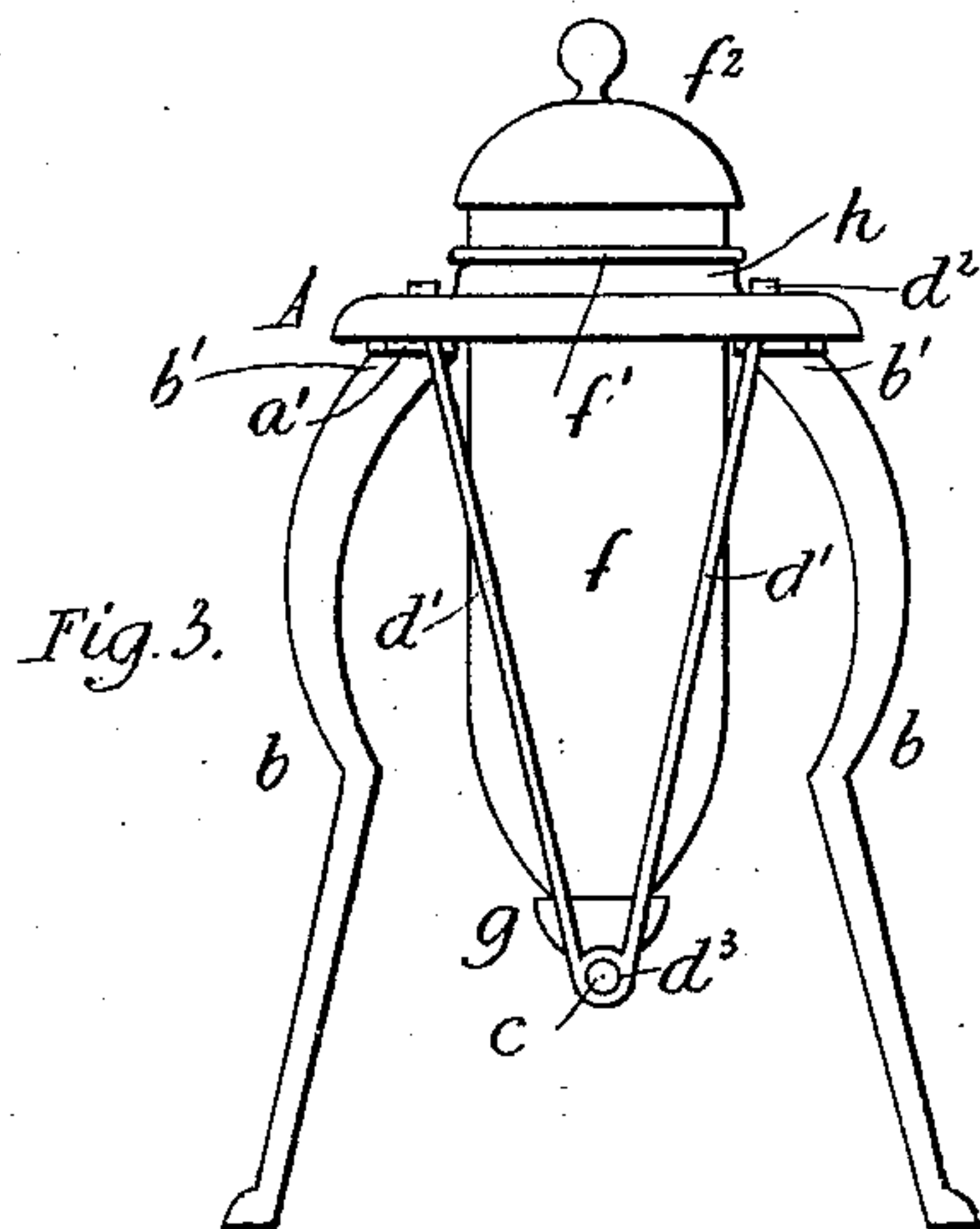
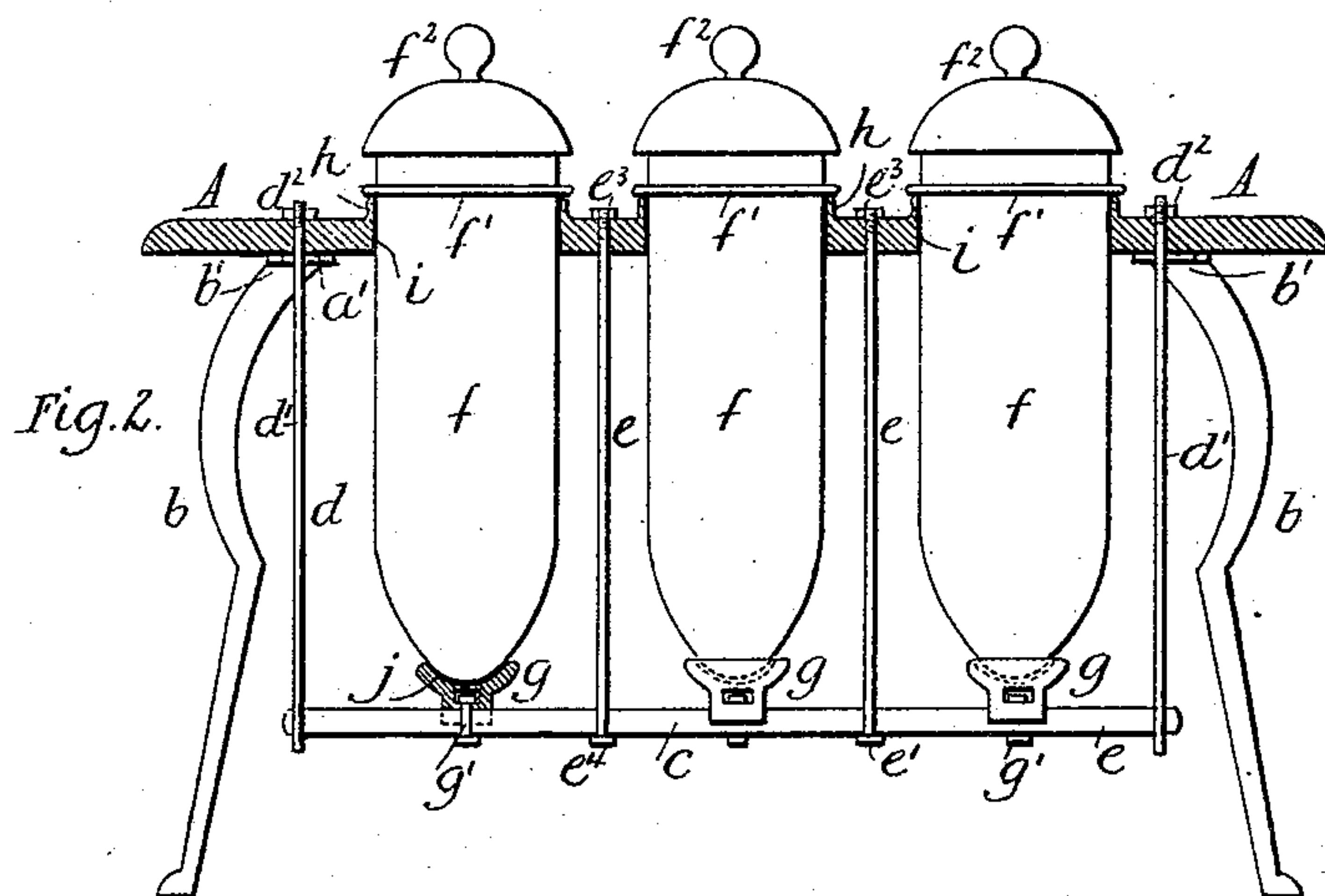
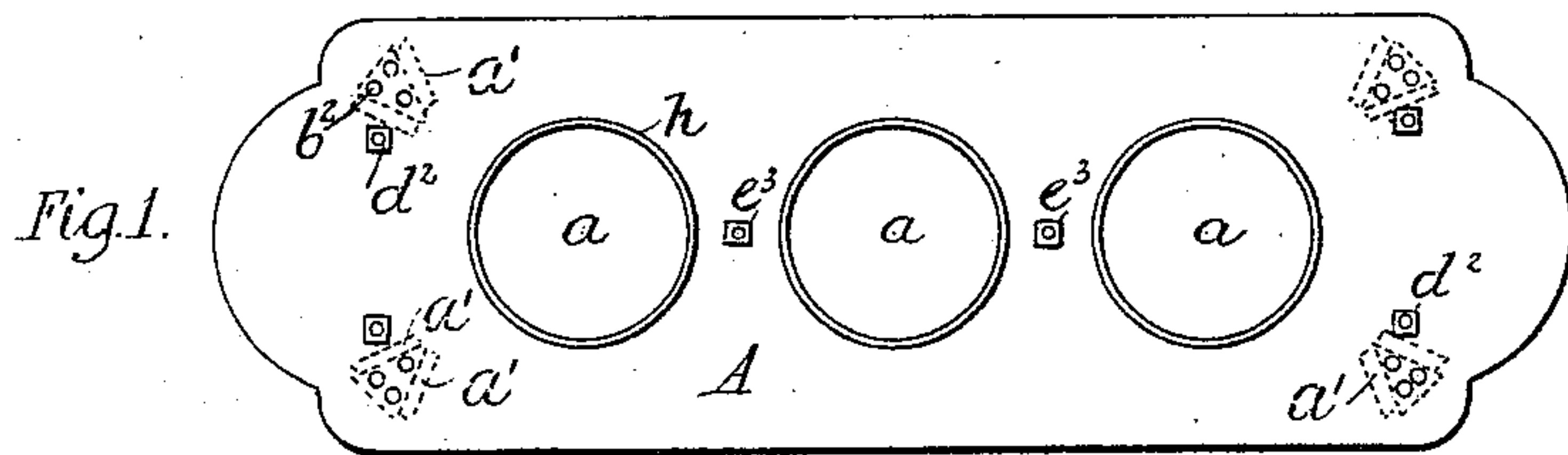


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## DISPLAY-STAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN R. ROSCOE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Dodge, in the county of Webster and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Merchandise - Display Stands; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in devices for displaying merchandise, and has for its object the production of an efficient holder designed mainly for the display of such goods as can be conveniently kept in glass jars or other receptacles, such holder being simply and economically constructed and possessing other advantages in point of ready accessibility to the jars or other receptacles, cleanliness, attractiveness and durability.

The nature of my invention will appear from a reading of the following description, when taken in connection with the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved holder. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view showing three jars in position, and Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A denotes the top of the holder which is provided with any number of openings *a* for the reception of the jars or other receptacles, and which may be made of any suitable material.

On the under side of the table and preferably at each corner thereof are projections or lugs *a'* *a'* which form dove-tailed seats for the dove-tailed upper ends *b'* of the supporting legs *b* which are by this construction removably secured in position, bolts *b*<sup>2</sup> completing the connection. Below the table is a rod *c* hung and held in position centrally of the width of the table preferably by means of brackets *d*, each of which is formed of two arms *d'* *d'* having reduced and screw-threaded upper ends which are passed through the table and secured by nuts *d*<sup>2</sup>. The lower ends of the arms of each bracket are connected together and provided with an opening *d*<sup>3</sup>

through which a reduced end of the rod is passed. In practice two brackets are provided, one at each end, and if a number of jars are to be supported by the rod, I interpose single hanger rods *e*, each of which is headed at one end *e'* to support the rod through which it is passed, and threaded at its other end *e*<sup>2</sup> which latter is passed through the table and secured by a nut *e*<sup>3</sup>.

If desired, instead of threading the upper ends of the arms *d'* of the brackets, and the interposed arms, said ends may be bent at the proper angle to be secured against the under side of the table by bolts and nuts.

The jars, which are shown at *j*, may be of any design and of any suitable material. I prefer however to employ jars cylindrical in general shape, and having contracted lower ends. The jars are supported by means of steps *g* which are recessed in their upper side to receive the lower ends of the jars, and are secured to the rod *c* by bolts *g'*, the preferred means of connection being to recess the under side of a step sufficiently to saddle the rod and to pass a bolt through the step and rod and secure same by a nut. To further support the jar I may form flanges *h* around the openings in the top for the jars and provide jars with beads *f'* which in practice rest on said flanges. The openings are lined with felt, rubber or other material as at *i*, and *j* is a felt, rubber or other pad arranged in the recess in the upper side of each of the steps. Each of the jars or other receptacles is provided with a cover *f*<sup>2</sup>.

It will be observed by reference to the foregoing that the holder is made up of a number of separable parts, easily assembled, and hence may be readily packed in small compass for transportation. The legs moreover, are preferably provided with casters, in order that when set up the holder may be readily moved around a store or other room.

By my invention such goods as preserves, coffees, teas, &c., which are originally furnished in opaque and cumbersome receptacles, are exposed in an attractive manner, and with the minimum economy of floor space. The ready accessibility to the jars or other receptacles saves considerable time both to the merchant and purchaser, and promotes cleanliness. The few number of parts employed



and their manner of connection insure durability, and also lightness, and added to these the invention is susceptible of embodiment in very attractive form.

5 I claim as my invention—

A display stand comprising a top provided with holes each of which receives a receptacle, legs for supporting the top having dovetail connection therewith, a rod secured in  
10 position below the top by brackets and inter-

posed hanger rods, and steps on the rod having recessed upper ends to receive the lower ends of the receptacles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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